(c) In the case of an LEA whose tax rate is at least 95 percent but less than 100 percent of the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs, reducing the amount calculated in paragraph (a) of this section by the percentage that the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs exceeds the tax rate of the LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

#### § 222.74 How does the Secretary identify generally comparable local educational agencies for purposes of section 8003(f)?

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary identifies generally comparable LEAs for purposes of this subpart in accordance with the LCR procedures described in §§ 222.39–222.41.
- (b) For applicant LEAs described in §222.62(a), to identify the three generally comparable LEAs referred to in §222.72(a)(1)(iii), the Secretary uses the following procedures:
- (1) The Secretary asks the SEA of the applicant LEA to identify generally comparable LEAs in the State by first following the directions in §222.39(a)(4), using data from the preceding fiscal year. The SEA then removes from the resulting list any LEAs that are significantly impacted, as described in §222.39(b)(1), except the applicant LEA.
- (2) If the remaining LEAs are not in rank order by total ADA, the SEA shall list them in that order.
- (3) The LEA may then select as its generally comparable LEAs, for purposes of section 8003(f) only, three LEAs from the list that are closest to it in size as determined by total ADA (e.g., the next three larger LEAs, the next three smaller, the next two larger and the next one smaller).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

# § 222.75 How does the Secretary compute the average per pupil expenditure of generally comparable local educational agencies under this subpart?

The Secretary computes APPE under this subpart by—

(a) Dividing the sum of the total current expenditures for the preceding fiscal year for the identified generally

comparable LEAs by the sum of the total ADA of those LEAs for the same fiscal year and performing this calculation again using data for the second preceding year; and

(b) Increasing or decreasing the APPE for the preceding fiscal year by the percentage the APPE of the generally comparable LEAs increased or decreased from the second preceding fiscal year to the preceding fiscal year.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

## § 222.76 What does the Secretary do if appropriation levels are insufficient to pay in full the amounts calculated under §§ 222.72 and 222.73?

Payments under section 8003(f) for eligible LEAs will be ratably reduced if the funds available for assistance under that section are insufficient to pay the full amounts determined under §§ 222.72 and 222.73.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

#### §§ 222.77-222.79 [Reserved]

#### Subpart F—Payments to Local Educational Agencies for Children With Severe Disabilities Under Section 8003(g) of the Act

SOURCE: 62 FR 35415, July 1, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

### § 222.80 What definitions apply to this subpart?

- (a) The definitions in  $\S$ 222.2 and 222.50 apply to this subpart.
- (b) In addition, the following term applies to this subpart:

Children with severe disabilities means children with disabilities who because of the intensity of their physical, mental, or emotional problems need highly specialized education, social, psychological, and medical services in order to maximize their full potential for useful and meaningful participation in society and for self-fulfillment. The term includes those children with disabilities with severe emotional disturbance (including schizophrenia), autism, severe and profound mental retardation, and those who have two or more